GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF WHEAT AT EXPORT PRICES TO MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal, for allocation of wheat at export price to the bakers in Maharashtra so as to benefit poor people, has since been examined by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The proposal received from the Federation of Maharashtra BakersAssociation for release of 1 lakh M.T. of wheat per month for the next two years through the State Government of Maharashtra at the export price of Rs. 415/- per qtl.for producing bakery products at cheaper rates was examined, and was not agreed to as there was no scheme for providing wheat exclusively to Bakers at subsidized rate for conversion into bakery products. Like other bulk purchasers of wheat, the bakers of Maharashtra are also free to purchase the desired quantity of wheat under the ongoing Open Market Sale Scheme(Demestic) of wheat at the rates in force from time to time. From February, 2002, the issue price of open sale wheat is being fixed by the FCI State-wise and for the month of April, 2002, the issue price of Sound wheat/Lustre lost wheat (2001-2002) for the State of Maharashtra has been fixed at Rs. 695/- and Rs. 655/- per qtl. Respectively.